

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, November 5, 1875, with transcript

Letter written by Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel (Hubbard) Bell. 18 Beacon Street, Boston, November 5th, 1875. Dear Miss Mabel:

The letter sent you from Salem last night will have shown you that the same thought was in both our minds. I too was troubled at my own presumption. You will have seen from my letter that I was scarcely master of myself even when I wrote the note itself.

Please pardon my weakness for you know the cause — although you may not sympathize with it. I so fully understood the workings of your mind that when I reached Boston this afternoon I looked for your letter and was glad not to be disappointed. Thank you very much for it. You have done right to write to me as you have done and I respect you very much for what you have written.

Perhaps it is best that I should not come too often as I am afraid of the effects of my own presence.

Please forgive me.

I shall come on Sunday.

Yours very sincerely, A. Graham Bell. P. S. I am sorry that I allowed myself to post last night's letter. I shall keep all epistles in future to await my cooler judgement. Miss Mabel Hubbard, Cambridge.